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It was a battle of the shoes on Tuesday at the legislature as Finance Minister Ken Krawetz and NDP finance critic Trent Wotherspoon displayed footwear in advance of Wednesday's budget announcement. Wotherspoon showed media see-through shoes to represent a demand for more transparency from the government. Krawetz, inset, who will wear shoes that had belonged to his late father, said their snug fit symbolizes the tight budget. MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO IN REGINA

Contentious audit focus of budget do-si-do

If the transparent shoe fits ... Sask. Party, opposition NDP use shoe symbolism to champion, criticize ahead of announcement

MARCO VIGLIOTTI
Metro in Regina

The Saskatchewan Party government needs to put forward a "transparent" budget based on solid accounting figures after being reprimanded by the provincial auditor for "pervasive" errors, the opposition New Democrats charged on Tuesday.

"This is the first government in Canada's history to fail an audit," Trent Wotherspoon, the NDP's finance critic, said at the legislature.

"Last year's budget was anything but honest, anything but transparent."

Wotherspoon accused Premier Brad Wall's administration of shifting debt to health regions, school boards and universities in order to maintain a clean balance sheet.

To make his point, Wotherspoon offered up a pair of transparent rubber shoes as an alternative to Finance Minister Ken Krawetz's selection of new footwear — keeping with tradition — for the budget announcement on Wednesday.

"It's time for (the government) to come clean with the Saskatchewan people (and) provide the full, true picture of our finances," he added.

The Wall government, however, maintains it's following accounting procedures used by previous NDP regimes.

"The practice was implemented by the NDP minister (Jim Melenchuk)," Krawetz told Metro of the procedure for recording financial statements.

"There is no fudging of the numbers. They are accurate."

Krawetz said the issue the provincial auditor took last year with the government's documentation of jointly funded buildings is a point of contention amongst accountants.

"The auditor was looking at the operating side … saying everything must be recorded in the general revenue fund," he explained.

"Finance officials said no, that's not the way it should be."

Shoe symbolism also extended to the government benches, with Krawetz opting to don a pair that had belonged to his late father for his speech to the legislature.

The fit of the shoes, he said, is tight — as the budget will be.

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U of S discrimination policy now covers gender identity

Equality. 'It was an easy decision' for school's board of governors to approve change, says chairwoman

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Advocates for equality are praising the University of Saskatchewan for amending its discrimination and harassment prevention policy to include transgender, transsexual and two-spirited people.

On Tuesday, the U of S board of governors approved the change to cover gender identity, two-spirit identity and gender expression under prohibited grounds for discrimination.

Prior to the amendment, the policy protected against discrimination based only on sex and sexual orientation.

"I feel more than ecstatic that it's gone through," Jack Saddleback, co-ordinator of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union Pride Centre, said after helping to spearhead the change.

"For the university to pass this amendment, it just goes to show how progressive we are as a university in understanding that transgender rights are human rights.

"We all have a birth sex, we all have a gender identity and we all have gender expression and now, to have this ... just opens up the door for equality."

Susan Milburn, chairwoman of the board of governors, said the change is welcome.

"It was an easy decision for the board," Milburn said.

"It came as a recommendation from some groups that we respect ... so we expect that the policy will assist in making (the U of S) a more inclusive and comfortable place."

Mikayla Schultz, director of the Gender Equality Society of Saskatchewan, said she hopes other institutions in the province follow the U of S's example.

Advocates for equality are applauding a change to the University of Saskatchewan's discrimination and harassment prevention policy to include gender identity. COURTESY UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Construction

Months of busy road work lie ahead

The City of Saskatoon is gearing up for a busy summer construction season.

On Tuesday, Saskatoon launched the Building Better Roads program with 2014 set to host "the most aggressive program of road work" the city has ever seen.

A result of a dedicated tax levy of 4.29 per cent in the 2014 budget, the city has $6.7 million in new funding to be used exclusively for road repair and maintenance. More than $50 million will be spent in total.

However, with a busy construction season comes detours and road closures and city officials are warning residents to prepare for delays in the coming months. METRO

Lean

Nurses wary of cost-saving program

The president of the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses says her members are worried about changes under a program known as Lean.

The Saskatchewan government is paying $40 million over four years for the program, which looks for ways to reduce spending and streamline health care.

Union president Tracy Zambory says nurses hoped that Lean concepts would be effective.

But Zambory says in a statement that nurses are saying Lean is proving to have little impact on direct care at the bedside or on patient outcomes.

Premier Brad Wall has defended the program, saying it has already paid for itself with savings on two new hospital designs and with ways to reduce wait times.

The premier says it's about better care and more efficiency. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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WITH FILES FROM CBC

1 Name: Melody Wood
Age: 38
Category: Community Leadership

Melody is the indigenous knowledge systems researcher at the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre (SICC). She is also the managing editor of kimiwan zine, dedicated to creating awareness and promoting First Nations, Métis and Inuit artists and writers. Melody graduated from the First Nations University of Canada and has contributed to programs including the SICC Pow Wow Initiation Project and the Saskatoon Aboriginal Professional Association Networking Reception. She is a proud First Nations woman and brings that strength to everything that she does.

2 Name: Tom Regier
Age: 36
Category: Science and Technology

Tom started working at the Canadian Light Source (CLS) as a summer student and never looked back. He immediately showed a talent for innovation and a drive to succeed, moving up the ranks to become a beamline scientist. Under Tom's leadership, his beamline has been one of the most successful at the CLS. From amazing gizmos to science fiction-worthy software, Tom and his team do whatever it takes to ensure that their beamline is the destination of choice for the best scientists to produce the best science.

3 Name: Jenn Bergen
Age: 27
Category: Community Leadership

Jenn is the co-founder of Queen City Hub, a centre in downtown Regina that provides space and support for community organizing, collaboration and innovation. The Hub opened last December and will officially launch in April. Through Jenn's leadership, the Hub has already attracted a strong and dynamic base of engaged members and volunteers. Previously, Jenn served as the executive director for the Regina Public Interest Research Group as well as the Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation.

4 Name: Tim Johnson
Age: 29
Category: Philanthropy, Social Activism and Volunteerism

Tim has dedicated his life to helping others through his career with the Red Cross. For the last three years, Tim has run the Red Cross Power of Humanity Gala, raising more than $200,000 for Red Cross programs. He has also engaged thousands of youth during the Day of Pink bullying prevention campaign. Tim is the president of Saskatchewan Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs Regina and was the first Saskatchewan chair of Movember. Under Tim's leadership, Movember Saskatchewan raised around $910,000 to fund research and treatment for men's health.

5 Name: Jason Aebig
Age: 38
Category: Community Leadership

Jason is an active community member in many ways. He is chair of the Mendel Art Gallery board of trustees and the Remai Art Gallery of Saskatchewan board of trustees. He has also served on boards including the United Way of Saskatoon and Area, the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association, Family Service Saskatoon and the Broadway Theatre. Jason is a gifted communicator and facilitator with senior-level experience in public affairs, media relations and communications.

6 Name: Alison Robertson
Age: 34
Category: Community Leadership

During the course of Alison's eight-year career with the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre, she has achieved extensive professional accomplishments. She is currently the director of community development and has helped put together the Food Basket Challenge Project social media campaign, the Garden Patch urban agriculture project as well as the Poverty Costs public awareness initiative. Alison has a passion for community development and a strong desire to see equity and justice resonate in all aspects of community life.

7 Name: Michael Linklater
Age: 31
Category: Sports and Recreation

Growing up in the inner city of Saskatoon, Michael overcame great odds to achieve success. In 2010, he became the first captain to lead the University of Saskatchewan Huskies men's basketball team to a national championship. He went on to play pro for a season in the International Basketball League. Since then, Michael has worked at Sask Sport Inc. and currently serves as program coordinator for White Buffalo Youth Lodge. Michael is a member of Thunderchild First Nation and made the decision to lead a sober life after losing friends and family to alcoholism.

8 Name: Alicia Thatcher
Age: 20
Category: Philanthropy, Social Activism and Volunteerism

Alicia is a University of Saskatchewan student with an uncanny ability to motivate people. Her passion and dedication has led her to support causes including Camp Easter Seal, Cancer Society Relay for Life, the Multiple Sclerosis Society and many more. She has also travelled to Vietnam to volunteer at an orphanage and is involved with the Best Buddies nonprofit group for children with disabilities. This year, Alicia was named one of 12 Scotiabank Bright Future Award recipients from around the world.

9 Name: Courtney Keith
Age: 31
Category: Philanthropy, Social Activism and Volunteerism

Courtney is a lawyer at MacPherson Leslie and Tyerman. She has contributed significantly to her field as the author of the Saskatchewan chapter in the Cross-Canada Guide to Human Rights Law in Employment. Locally, Courtney volunteers with the Canadian Red Cross Restoring Family Links program. Courtney also helps run the Next Chapter Book Club for people with intellectual disabilities and mentors at the Mother Teresa Middle School. In addition, Courtney is the campaign co-chair in Saskatchewan for the Liberal Party of Canada.

10 Name: Jennifer Pereira
Age: 34
Category: Community Leadership

Jennifer is a community leader with a strong interest in arts and culture. She currently serves as the chair of the board of directors at the Persephone Theatre. For more than 10 years, Jennifer was a volunteer DJ at CFCR community radio and continues to offer her expertise as a lawyer to the organization. She also sits on the board for the music festival and technology conference MoSo Fest. Jennifer's enthusiasm and tireless work ethic are an inspiration to those around her.

Jim Flaherty steps down as finance minister after 8 years

'I leave feeling fulfilled.' Flaherty is among Canada's longest-serving finance ministers

Jim Flaherty is leaving the federal cabinet after more than eight years as finance minister to prepare for a return to the private sector, saying the move is unrelated to his recent health problems.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is expected to name his replacement Wednesday.

Flaherty, who delivered his final budget last month, said he made the decision with his family earlier this year.

"As I begin another chapter in my life, I leave feeling fulfilled with what we have accomplished as a government and a country during one of the most challenging economic periods in our country's history," he said in a statement.

Replacement

Media outlets reported Tuesday night that Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver will replace Flaherty.

An official in the Prime Minister's Office said Flaherty would be retaining — at least for now — his seat in the House of Commons, meaning he remains an MP for the time being.

Flaherty is among Canada's longest-serving finance ministers, appointed to the key economic post when the Conservative government first came to power in 2006.

He managed the country's economy through one of its worst economic crises in 2008-2009, running up large deficits but leaving the books virtually balanced after his Feb. 11 budget.

Speculation about Flaherty's future has risen in recent years after he acknowledged suffering from a rare skin condition, requiring him to take medication that led to weight gain and apparent fatigue in public appearances.

His long farewell message to Canadians, delivered unexpectedly on a government website, listed accomplishments such as cooling the housing market and introducing tax-free savings accounts.

Harper said he regretted the loss of his No. 1 money man. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadians welcome troops home from Afghanistan

MCpl. Anthony Alliot and Sarah Tooth embrace after the last Canadian troops from Afghanistan returned to Ottawa on Tuesday. The last Canadian soldiers to leave Afghanistan arrived home to tears, hugs from family and friends and a pledge from Stephen Harper that May 9 will be set aside to honour their contributions and sacrifices. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Poll. 1 in 4 Canadian kids admit to cyberbullying

About one in four Canadian kids surveyed about cyberbullying admitted they have been "mean or cruel" to someone online, while more than one in three say they've been a victim, according to a newly released study.

But experts say cyberbullying is probably not as rampant or serious as some parents would believe.

Matthew Johnson is director of education for the nonprofit organization MediaSmarts, which worked last year with schools in each province and territory to poll 5,436 students in grades 4 through 11 about online issues.

"What we see in fact is that it is much less common and much smaller numbers of students experience significant harm," says Johnson.

Most commonly, students said the bullying act they committed was name-calling (78 per cent), while very few students owned up to more serious bad behaviour. Just 12 per cent said they made fun of someone's race or religion, seven per cent said they teased a peer about their sexual orientation, and four per cent said they sexually harassed someone.
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A car burns at the scene of a helicopter crash outside the KOMO-TV studios near the Seattle Space Needle on Tuesday.
KELLY KOOPMANS/KOMO-TV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seattle. City to revisit policy on helicopter landing pads after crash

The city of Seattle will re-examine its policy on helicopter landing pads in response to Tuesday's fatal crash at a busy downtown intersection.

Mayor Ed Murray said at a news conference hours after the wreck that Seattle's regulations on helipads changed at least 20 years ago, when the city instituted more rules and limited where helicopters could take off and land.

"In consultation with the council, we will decide if we need to adjust our policies," he said.

The crash Tuesday morning happened as a news helicopter took off from a helipad at the KOMO-TV station. The chopper went down on a street near the Space Needle and exploded into flames, hitting three vehicles and setting them on fire.
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No more DIY

New medical pot growing laws unconstitutional: Lawyer

A lawyer for a group of medical marijuana patients has told a Federal Court judge that stopping his clients from growing their own pot at the end of this month would violate their charter rights. Beginning next month, the government plans to allow only select commercial producers to grow marijuana for medical use, and Health Canada says anyone else growing marijuana after that is breaking the law. Growing for personal use would be illegal under the new regulations.
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10 boys implicated

Community, RCMP deal with sexting case

Community leaders and police in Terrace, B.C., have worked quickly to resolve a series of texting of sexually explicit images involving 10 boys. RCMP Const. Angela Rabut says a four-month investigation found the youths, between the ages of 12 and 16, were involved in sending or receiving the images of minor girls, and cyberbullying. Rabut says a community approach was developed to stop the sexual exploitation of youth by youth. An RCMP release says most of the boys were referred to the Terrace Community Justice Forum.
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‘Fireball’ sighting creates a buzz in N.S.

‘It’s not Star Trek’. Science expert says bright light falling out of the sky was a bolide

HALEY RYAN
Metro in Halifax

A large flash that appeared in the sky early Tuesday morning had dozens of Nova Scotians talking, but a local science guru said the cause is “not so mysterious.”

According to meteorologist Richard Zurawski, the fireball seen streaking out of the sky was a bolide — a piece of rock or metal falling from space that glows when it burns up in the atmosphere, and its kinetic energy is transferred to heat and light.

“It’s a pretty typical thing. Seeing it over the Maritimes is a little unusual, but this happens thousand of times probably every 24 hours,” he said, adding they can last up to five or six seconds with a long, bright tail depending on how big the chunk of space debris was.

“It goes from 20 to 40 kilometres a second,” Zurawski said, and are usually the size of a human head or larger.

Some people have found pieces of bolides that reach the ground, which are then known as meteorites, he said.

Although many of these fall to earth every day, Zurawski said it’s unusual for people to spot one because there’s so much unpopulated space in the Arctic tundra, ocean or desert where they could land.

Nova Scotia Webcams capture a bright light near the Masstown Market, N.S.
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Random act of kindness.
Stranger hands couple, two others, $50 bills

June Bond said she was “still shaking” Tuesday afternoon as she talked about a mysterious stranger walking up to her Dartmouth, N.S., home and handing over two $50 bills.

Bond and Bill MacNamara were having a cigarette on their porch around 9 a.m. Tuesday when a yellow Nissan Xterra pulled up and the man got out, she said.

At first she thought he might have been selling something, Bond said, before he handed over the bills and two silver $5 coins. She said he then told the couple to “look up and say thank you” as he pointed to the sky.

“You hear of random acts of kindness but it’s usually a Tim Horton’s coffee … you don’t get $100,” Bond said. “It came at a time that we needed it too.”

Bond said she wanted to tell their story so she could find the modern-day Robin Hood and give him a big hug and ask him why he gave away the money.

The man had dark hair, a salt and pepper beard, was dressed like a “normal every day guy” and didn’t look especially rich, Bond said.

He even gave out two more $50 bills to two women in the nearby parking lot of a convenience store, said a man working at the store’s counter.

The stranger handed over the money and said it was a message from God or something similar before the women excitedly ran into the store, he said.

MacNamara said the man told them to pass along the money if they knew of someone else who needed it more than them, and Bond said they will definitely find a way to “pay it forward.”

HALEY RYAN/METRO IN HALIFAX

Seal hunt supporters rally

An Inuit student poses in a sealskin jacket during a rally Tuesday on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Canada and Norway are in the process of appealing the World Trade Organization’s recent decision to uphold a four-year-old European Union ban on seal products. The three-day WTO appeal hearing wraps up Wednesday and a final ruling is expected next month. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Vladimir Putin welcomes Crimea back into the fold

Annexation. Russian president dismisses criticism, blasting the West as hypocrites and Ukraine as run by radical nationalists

With a sweep of his pen, President Vladimir Putin added Crimea to the map of Russia on Tuesday, describing the move as correcting a past injustice and responding to what he called Western encroachment upon Russia's vital interests.

While his actions were met with cheers in Crimea and Russia, Ukraine's new government called Putin a threat to the whole world and U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden warned that the U.S. and Europe will impose further sanctions against Moscow.

"The world has seen through Russia's actions and has rejected the flawed logic," Biden said as he met with European leaders in Poland.

In an emotional 40-minute speech televised live from the Kremlin, Putin said he was merely restoring order to history by incorporating Crimea.

"In people's hearts and minds, Crimea has always been an integral part of Russia," he declared, dismissing Western criticism of Sunday's Crimean referendum as a manifestation of the West's double standards.

Often interrupted by applause, Putin said the rights of ethnic Russians in Ukraine had been abused by the new Ukrainian government and insisted that Crimea's vote to join Russia was in line with international law and reflected its right for self-determination.

Putin said his actions followed what he described as Western arrogance, hypocrisy and pressure, and warned that the West must drop its stubborn refusal to take Russian concerns into account.

"If you push a spring too hard at some point it will spring back," he said, addressing the West. "You always need to remember this."

While Putin boasted that the Russian takeover of Crimea was conducted without a single shot, a Ukrainian military spokesman said one Ukrainian serviceman was killed and another injured when a military facility in Crimea was stormed Tuesday by armed men just hours after Putin's speech.

Putin argued that the months of protests in the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv which prompted President Viktor Yanukovych to flee to Russia had been instigated by the West to weaken Russia. He cast the new Ukrainian government as illegitimate, driven by radical "nationalists, neo-Nazis, Russophobes and anti-Semites."

In response, Ukraine's new government called Putin dangerous.

"Today's statement by Putin showed in high relief what a real threat Russia is for the civilized world and international security," Ukrainian foreign ministry spokesman Evhen Perebinis said on Twitter. "(The annexation) has nothing to do with law or with democracy or sensible thinking."

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Thousands of pro-Russian people watch a live broadcast of Russian President Vladimir Putin's speech on Crimea in Sevastopol, Crimea, Tuesday. Fiercely defending Russia's move to annex Crimea, Putin said Russia had to respond to what he described as a plot by the West to take Ukraine into its influence. VADIM GHIRDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"I have heard residents of Crimea say that back in 1991 they were handed over like a sack of potatoes."

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who declared that the collapse of the Soviet Union made Russians "the largest divided people in the world."

The view from home

Canadian sanctions won't isolate Russia, says ambassador

Russia's ambassador to Canada says sanctions from the West over Ukraine won't isolate his country, and expelling it from the G8 would only hurt stability around the world.

Energy-thirsty Asian countries such as China are waiting in the wings if Europe and North America decide they won't want Russia's resources, Georgiy Mamedov said Tuesday.

"Look at the map," he said. "Half of Russia is in Asia. So even if — and I don't think that western countries are, you know, adventuristic or crazy enough to shoot themselves in the leg and to undercut mutually beneficial energy and other relationship with Russia — but even if they did, the longest border in the world that we have is with China, not with Belgium and not with Canada, unfortunately."

Canada joined other countries in imposing sanctions on Russia as a result of Sunday's vote in Crimea, but Mamedov shrugged off the sanctions. "I've been around and you can't isolate Russia," he said.

There was some confusion Tuesday over whether Russia would be suspended from the Group of Eight leading industrial countries.

France's Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius told a European radio station that G8 leaders had "decided to suspend Russia's participation." Britain's Foreign Office, meanwhile, said that Russia is still part of the G8, but did not rule out a suspension. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Serbia

Suspected drug kingpin arrested

Darko Saric, the most wanted suspected drug lord in the Balkans, was arrested Tuesday after surrendering to Serbian authorities, government officials said.

Saric has been on the run since 2009 when a shipment of cocaine he allegedly organized was disrupted near the Uruguayan coast. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Africa

Hundreds of migrants storm Spanish enclave

Some 500 stone-throwing migrants from sub-Saharan Africa forced their way into the Spanish enclave of Melilla from Morocco on Tuesday in one of the biggest illegal border-crossings of recent years, Spanish and Moroccan officials said.

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Germany

Authorities arrest elderly former Auschwitz guard

German authorities have arrested a 93-year-old man on suspicion of "multiple counts" of accessory to murder while he was a SS guard in the Auschwitz death in September 1944 — a time when prosecutors say more than 1,700 people were sent to the camp's gas chambers.

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'Swithering' Scots have power to break up U.K.

Scotland's swithering "middle million" has Britain's future in its hands.

"Swithering" means wavering, and it's a word you hear a lot in Scotland right now. Six months from now, Scottish voters must decide whether their country should become independent, breaking up Great Britain as it has existed for 300 years.

Faced with the choice, many find their hearts say "aye" but their heads say "why risk it?" Polls suggest as many as a quarter of Scotland's 4 million voters remain undecided, and their choices will determine the outcome.

Many long to cut the ties binding them to England, but fear the risks — and the financial fallout.

The two countries united in 1707 to form Great Britain, with a shared monarch, currency, and a London-based government.

It has always been a lopsided relationship — England's population is 10 times Scotland's 5.3 million. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Pope Benedict critiqued Francis' interview

Pope to former Pope. Francis had solicited Benedict's input on the interview looking at 'small-minded' rules

The man who serves two popes has revealed that retired Pope Benedict XVI wrote four pages of critique and commentary on Pope Francis's landmark interview in which he blasted the church's obsession with "small-minded" rules.

Monsignor Georg Gaenswein, Benedict's personal secretary and head of Francis' papal household, told German broadcaster ZDF that Francis had solicited Benedict's input on the interview, which was published in September in 16 Jesuit journals around the globe and helped define Francis' agenda.

Asking for advice

- Francis has said he relies on his predecessor's sage advice.
- Though Benedict's comments had no impact on the published article, the revelation is further evidence of the remarkable and unprecedented collaboration between the two popes, who stay in touch by phone, in person and by sending notes back and forth across the Vatican gardens via Monsignor Georg Gaenswein.

The Jesuit priest who conducted the interview, the Rev. Antonio Spadaro, said Tuesday that he gave the first printed copy of the interview to Francis on the day it was published. Francis gave that version to Benedict to critique, Spadaro told The Associated Press.

Gaenswein told ZDF that Francis had given him a first copy of the interview to forward on to Benedict, and received a four-page letter from the retired pope three days later.

"He did his homework — he read it and, in accordance with his successor's request, he did indeed offer some thoughts and some remarks on certain comments or certain questions on which he thought something additional could perhaps be said in another place," Gaenswein recalled.

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Acts of bravery awarded

U.S. President Barack Obama awards army Staff Sgt. Melvin Morris the Medal of Honor during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington on Tuesday. Following a congressionally mandated review to ensure that recipients of the country's highest recognition for valour were not bypassed due to prejudice, Obama awarded the medals to 24 ethnic or minority U.S. soldiers — Hispanics, Jews and African-Americans — who performed acts of bravery under fire in three of the nation's wars.

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Sentencing hearing

Lawyers aim to downplay charges in U.S. Army general's sex case

Lawyers for U.S. Army general Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair who faced sexual assault charges will aim to downplay the seriousness of the charges to which he pleaded guilty and seek a lenient sentence as the highly scrutinized case nears its conclusion.

Sinclair, 51, had been accused of twice forcing a female captain under his command to perform oral sex during a three-year extramarital affair. The captain had also accused him of sexual assault, but those charges were dropped in a plea deal.

On Monday, Sinclair also admitted to abusing a government credit card he used while travelling to visit his mistress. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Suffering defeat

Challenge of N.J.'s wiretapping law rejected

A Florida man whose "too fat to kill" defence failed at his 2009 murder trial suffered another defeat Tuesday when New Jersey's Supreme Court rejected his challenge to the state's wiretapping law.

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Thai military reports 10-day-old radar blips that could be missing airplane

MH370. Thai air force didn't pay attention to the signal at first and said Malaysia's initial request for info wasn't specific enough

A young boy prays for the missing plane at an event at a Malaysian shopping mall on Tuesday. JOSHUA PAUL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Investigators trying to solve the mystery of a missing Malaysian jetliner received some belated help Tuesday from Thailand, whose military said it took 10 days to report radar blips that might have been the plane "because we did not pay attention to it."

A coalition of 26 countries, including Thailand, is looking for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, which vanished March 8 with 239 people aboard on a night flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. Search crews are scouring two giant arcs of territory amounting to the size of Australia — half of it in the remote seas of the southern Indian Ocean.

Malaysian officials said early in the search that they suspected the plane backtracked and flew toward the Strait of Malacca, just west of Malaysia. But it took a week for them to confirm Malaysian military radar data that suggested that route. On Tuesday, Thai military officials said their own radar showed an unidentified plane, possibly Flight 370, flying toward the strait beginning minutes after the Malaysian jet's transponder signal was lost.

Air force spokesman Air Vice Marshal Montol Suchookorn said the Thai military doesn't know whether the plane it detected was Flight 370.

Thailand's failure to quickly share possible information about the plane may not substantially change what Malaysian officials now know, but it raises questions about the degree to which some countries are sharing their defence data.

Flight 370 took off from Kuala Lumpur at 12:40 a.m. Malaysian time March 8 and its transponder, which allows air traffic controllers to identify and track the airplane, ceased communicating at 1:20 a.m.

Montol said that at 1:28 a.m., Thai military radar detected an abnormal signal of a plane flying back toward Kuala Lumpur.

When asked why it took so long to release the information, Montol said, "Because we did not pay any attention to it. The Royal Thai Air Force only looks after any threats against our country."

He said the plane never entered Thai airspace.

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Mystery

But how do you lose an airplane?

Flight 370 must be somewhere. But the same can be said for Amelia Earhart's plane.

So what if the airplane is never found?

While rare nowadays, history is not short of such mysteries — from the most famous of all, American aviator Earhart, to planes and ships disappearing in the so-called Bermuda Triangle.

"When something like this happens that confounds us, we're offended by it, and we're scared by it," said Ric Gillespie, a former U.S. aviation accident investigator.

"We had the illusion of control and it's just been shown to us that ... a really big airliner can just vanish."

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Egypt. Leader says he'll 'spare no effort' to resolve jailed journalist's case

In a rare gesture, Egypt's interim president has written to the family of an Australian journalist who is being tried on terrorism charges alongside an Egyptian-Canadian and other employees of satellite broadcaster Al-Jazeera.

Adly Mansour has told Peter Greste's family that he will push to expedite the case against the Australian reporter.

"I would like to assure you in my capacity as president of Egypt, that I will spare no effort to work towards the speedy resolution of the case, in a fashion consistent with the law and that guarantees the reunion of the family in the near future," Mansour wrote in the letter, seen by The Associated Press on Tuesday. It's unclear if the letter directly mentions Egyptian-Canadian Mohamed Fahmy or Egyptian Baher Mohamed, who were arrested along with Greste on Dec. 29 in Cairo.

The three journalists are accused of endangering national security and aiding a terrorist organization along with 17 others.

Authorities accuse Al-Jazeera of being a platform for ousted Islamist president Mohammed Morsi's supporters and his Muslim Brotherhood group. The network denies that and says the journalists were just doing their jobs. Greste, Fahmy and Mohamed pleaded not guilty to their charges.

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Mohamed Fahmy

- Fahmy moved to Canada in 1991 and lived in Montreal and Vancouver before moving abroad covering stories for The New York Times and CNN.
- The Department of Foreign Affairs has said senior Canadian officials have raised Fahmy's case with Egyptian authorities and have requested a fair and expeditious trial.

Pistorius trial. Pics prove cops bungled investigation, defence lawyer claims

South African police photographs of the blood-spattered scene where Oscar Pistorius shot dead his girlfriend show that evidence was moved around in violation of procedure during the investigation of the killing, the athlete's chief defence lawyer said Tuesday.

Lawyer Barry Roux has challenged previous police witnesses, seeking to uncover contradictions and reported mishaps to support his argument that officers bungled the investigation, an allegation made by Pistorius at the start of the trial when he pleaded not guilty to murder in Reeva Steenkamp's Feb. 14, 2013 killing.

On Tuesday, Roux minutely examined many photos taken by Bennie van Staden and another police officer and pointed out that objects at the crime scene had been moved and were in different positions in photos. Roux also used time of day records on the images to show that the two policemen taking photographs were in the same room at points, even though van Staden testified he was working alone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oscar Pistorius holds his head in his hands in the dock during cross examination of a witness on Tuesday. BRENDAN CROFT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stable condition

Girl bitten by shark in Australia

A 10-year-old girl was attacked by a shark off Australia's east coast and suffered a serious injury to her hand, officials said Tuesday.

Paramedics treated the girl at the scene and took her to a local hospital. She was in stable condition Tuesday evening.

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Terrorism trial

9/11 'architect' not allowed to testify

Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the self-described architect of 9/11, will not be allowed to testify in the terrorism trial of Osama bin Laden's son-in-law, a federal judge in New York ruled Tuesday.

The judge said Mohammed's testimony would be irrelevant because there was no evidence that Mohammed and Sulaiman Abu Ghaith had ever met.

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Haiti

Drought causes emergency

A Haitian official says drought is causing an "extreme emergency" in the country's northeast.

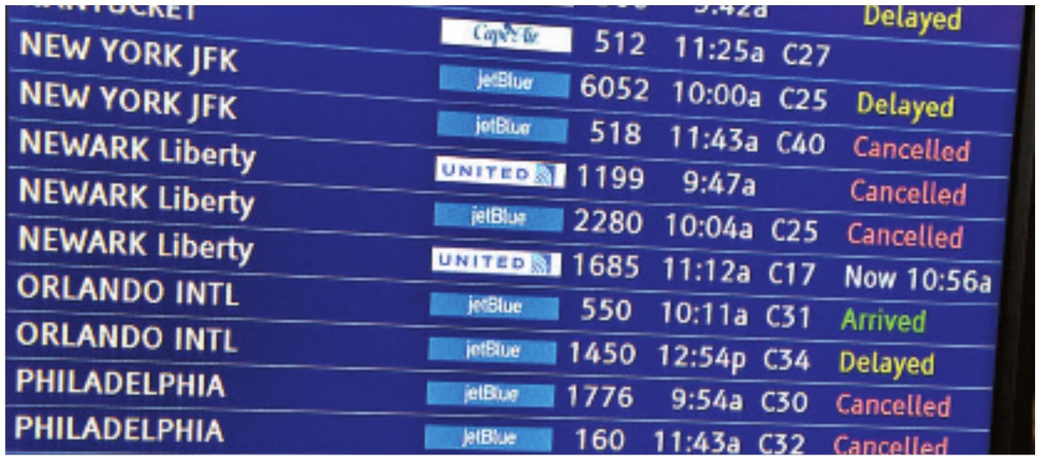
Pierre Gary Mathieu said that the eight-month-long drought in the region has destroyed bean, plantain, and corn corps, as well as livestock and it will take the area six months to recover.

Government officials plan to distribute seeds to farmers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Abu Ghraib prison

Iraqi detainees' lawsuit should be reinstated: Lawyer

Four former Iraqi detainees who say they were tortured at the Abu Ghraib prison should be allowed to pursue their claims against CACI Premier Technology Inc., the U.S. military contractor in charge of interrogating them, an attorney told a federal appeals court Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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The winter of flyers' discontent

A flight board shows JetBlue cancellations at Logan International Airport on Jan. 7 in Boston, a day after the airline cancelled nearly all operations into Logan because of bad weather. It was that kind of month for JetBlue, and it was that kind of month for all U.S. airlines, which posted one of their worst January on-time performances ever, as winter storms pounded parts of the country. One-third of all flights arrived late, the rate of cancelled flights was the second-highest ever, and reports of mishandled bags soared. STORY: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; PHOTO: DARREN MCCOLLESTER/GETTY IMAGES

Want 10% of this guy's starting salary? Then help Robbie find a job

Finding a job sucks.

There are always hundreds of qualified applicants to compete with, so it's basically a crapshoot every time someone drops off a resumé or clicks "Submit" on an online job application.

Couple that with being new in a town where you don't know anyone to nudge you in the right direction and you're in Vancouverite Robbie Cooke's position.

"Well, I moved out to Vancouver late last year and I knew that the job market wasn't amazing out here, but I didn't know it would be this bad," Cooke said. "I heard some places will get thousands of responses or applicants, so one day I figured, why not take a different approach?"

It was in his most dire moment that Cooke, with his marketing background, cooked up a plan. Instead of going to a traditional headhunter, he went to the biggest headhunter of them all: the Internet.

Robbie Cooke of Vancouver needs your help finding a job. CONTRIBUTED

The result is helprobbiefindajob.com. By way of the site, Cooke is offering 10 per cent of his initial starting salary to anyone who helps him set up an interview and land a job. If he gets $60,000 a year, the go-between gets $6,000 — after the probation period ends.

Since setting up the website on March 15, Cooke said, he's received two offers for interviews, but nothing is official yet.

SAM SMITH/FOR METRO IN VANCOUVER

Fan-made content is music to execs' ears

YouTube. User uploads earning music biz more dough than official videos

The recording industry is making more money from fan-made mashups, lip-syncs and tributes on YouTube than from official music videos.

"It's a massive growth area. We're very excited about the creativity of consumers using our repertoire and creating their own versions of our videos," said Francis Keeling, the global head of digital business for Universal Music Group.

With one billion users worldwide, YouTube is the most used music service in the world, according to the annual Music Report released Tuesday by IFPI, an organization that represents 1,300 record companies around the world.

"All record companies make their repertoire available to YouTube," Keeling explained.

The video website, owned by Google, alerts record companies when a YouTube user uploads content that uses a copyrighted song.

Rather than order the video removed for copyright infringement, the record company can instead choose to run ads before and during the video, making money off the video's views.

For example, a video of American comedian Steve Kardynal wearing a bikini and lip-synching Carly Rae Jepsen's Call Me Maybe for unsuspecting viewers on Chatroulette racked up more than 14 million views, which earned ad dollars for the record label behind Jepsen's hit single.

User-generated content is actually generating more money for record labels than the official music videos posted by record labels, Keeling said.

"A lot of that is due to consumers putting more and more repertoire and new versions up there, but also it's YouTube getting better at advertising," he said.

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Hitting the right notes

New revenue streams are good news for the music industry, which saw a global decline in revenues of 3.9% in 2013 to about $15 billion US.

Canadian study

Only 41.1% of small businesses have a website

A new study says fewer than half of Canada's small businesses have an online presence and they may be losing out on sales opportunities.

The Canadian Internet Registration Authority says three-quarters of Canadians research purchases online, but only 41.1 per cent of small businesses have a website.

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U.S. states look at offering 'free' tuition

Nothing sparks consumer demand like the word "free," and politicians in some states have proposed the idea of providing that incentive to get young people to attend community college.

Amid worries that U.S. youth are losing a global skills race, supporters of a no-tuition policy see expanding access to community college as a way to boost educational attainment so the emerging workforces in their states look good to employers.

Of course, such plans aren't free for taxpayers, and legislators in Oregon and Tennessee are deciding whether free tuition regardless of family income is the best use of public money. A Mississippi bill passed the state House, but then failed in the Senate.

The debate comes in a mid-term election year in which income inequality and the burdens of student debt are likely going to be significant issues.

"I think everybody agrees that with a high school education by itself, there is no path to the middle class," said State Sen. Mark Hass, who is leading the no-tuition effort in Oregon.

Higher education

94%

A Gallup poll released in late February found 94 per cent of Americans believe it's somewhat or very important to have a degree beyond high school, yet only 23 per cent of respondents said higher education is affordable to everyone who needs it.

"There is only one path, and it leads to poverty. And poverty is very expensive."

Hass said free community college and increasing the number of students who earn college credit while in high school are keys to addressing a "crisis" in education debt. Taxpayers will ultimately benefit, he said, because it's cheaper to send someone to community college than to have him or her in the social safety net.

Research from the Oregon University System shows Oregonians with only a high school diploma make less money than those with a degree and thus contribute fewer tax dollars. They are also more likely to use food stamps and less likely to do volunteer work. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Quick! Who's the most famous Canadian in the world?

Chris Hadfield, the singing astronaut?

Christopher Plummer, the Oscar-winning actor?

Wayne Gretzky, the Great One?

Nope, it's Avril Lavigne, that's who.

That's if you believe an MIT research project called Pantheon that combed through online references to anyone between 4,000 BC and 2010 who has a Wikipedia reference in more than 25 languages.

It's bad enough that MIT has anointed a pop has-been in the waning stages of her career as the most famous Canadian ever, but our credulity is strained to the breaking point as it goes down the list.

The second most famous Canadian is Jim Carrey? Jim Carrey hasn't had a hit since the '90s and his most recent effort is Dumb and Dumber To.

The outrage continues: Justin Bieber is number three, which makes sense because he's Canadian Bad Boy Number One, right up there with Rob Ford. Number four is Celine Dion, who's certainly famous in Vegas, but number five is Pamela Anderson, who was famous for doing nothing long ago, before she was supplanted by Kim Kardashian.

As statistically sound as it appears to be, the process is obviously flawed. Garbage in, garbage out. What can you expect from research that would have us believe that the world's most famous actor is Molière? (Thousands of commuters call up Molière on their devices, only to discover a 17th century French playwright. Shakespeare would have something to say about that, in iambic pentameter, no less.)

You have to wonder what Avril Lavigne is thinking, as she lounges by the pool out there somewhere in pop-tart land with her arguably more famous husband Chad Kroeger, lead singer for Nickelback. "Like, Chad, I told you I was more famous than you are. In fact, I'm more famous than Pamela Anderson."

I really don't think MIT should be encouraging this sort of thing.

Chad, by the way, did not make the list even though he's the front man for Billboard's top rock group of the 2000s.

The rest of the top 25 list continues to undermine the credibility of the MIT findings. Either that, or I don't get out enough these days. Somebody named Chris Benoit is the 12th most famous Canadian in the world, more famous than Avatar director James Cameron (14) and Marshall McLuhan (17) the man who said "The medium is the message." Boy, was he right on. Just not as famous as Avril Lavigne or Chris Benoit, whoever he is.

It may be this list is telling the truth, and in the words of that famous American Jack Nicholson, we can't handle the truth. So, like most people who don't like what they hear, I propose to ignore all this … data, and go on thinking that Glenn Gould, the world's greatest pianist (19), is more famous, and deservedly so, than some guy named Chris Benoit.

ZOOM

Birds of a spider flock together

JURGEN OTTO /SOLENT NEWS

Spider's display is courtship dance

This male spider tries to attract a female by showing off its colours — just like a peacock. The maratus, also known as the peacock spider, flaunts its stunning blue, red and green flaps to catch the eye of a female. The spider, one of 43 species of maratus, was found by biologist Jurgen Otto near Esperance, Western Australia. METRO

Quoted

"The males do not discriminate between the females of different species and will display their bright bodies to females that belong to other species." Jurgen Otto

Arachnid gives bird's-eye view

This species of peacock spider, the maratus avibus, really does look like a feathered creature.

"The design on the spider's abdomen looks like two birds facing each other — which made experts choose the name 'avibus', meaning 'birds' in Latin," says Otto. METRO

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It's that time of year again: the dreaded tax season. With a few weeks to go to file, might as well check it off the to-do list now. You can shell out and get your accountant to take care of it, or stay home, brew a cup of coffee and get it done yourself. Here are a few CRA Netfile-certified online/mobile options to (hopefully) take some of the pain away.

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SimpleTax:
Relatively new to the tax-filing game, this unique pay-what-you-want model lets users decide how much — if anything — they want to pay.

SnapTax:
Yes, that 'snap' does refer to snapping a pic. Take a photo (iPhone or iPad only) of your T4, fill out a quick (they say) form on your iDevice and voilà. Though, it doesn't work for those with offspring or other dependants — you'll need to use their parent company, TurboTax, for that.

UFile:
UFile is free if you're a tax newbie, student or make less than $20K or have a very simple return (one single T4 and no other fancy account). Filling individual returns start at $16 and lets you add a spouse for $10.

For a full list of Netfile-certified software, programs and apps, go to netfile.gc.ca

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@metropicks asked: Governments and private companies have their sights on mining the moon. Do you think it's a good idea?

@chiefwrongwolf: why does this need science? mime?? besides this is the Owrst game of charades I have EVER played let me tell you

@Machzy: Agent Smith said it best - humans are a virus - we move to an area and multiply until every natural resource is consumed. Looks like the moon is next!

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SCENE

Filmmaker explores teen genre in Beyond Clueless

SXSW. Documentary examines teen movies from more than 200 not-quite classics

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

First-time filmmaker Charlie Lyne came to SXSW to premiere Beyond Clueless, his exploration of teen movies. Less a traditional, talking heads doc than a lyrical, fluid examination of the genre, Lyne gives the scholarly and artistic treatment to a class of films usually excluded from such pursuits, with narration by Fairuza Balk and visuals from more than 200 teen not-quite classics.

How has it been, bringing your first film to SXSW?

What's nice is it feels like we're repeating the experience of doing the Kickstarter now because it's going out to a load of people who have no idea who any of us are but have some bearing on this subject matter. ... Everyone has that film that they grew up watching and obsessing over, and usually it's a film that is quite singular to them.

So is Clueless that movie for you?

Clueless is a film I completely love and certainly growing up it was one of my five or 10 that I would go back to again and again and again, but actually the ones I always found more fascinating were the ones that, for lack of a better word, aren't quite as good as Clueless.

The teen genre for me is most fascinating when it doesn't quite work, you know? There's plenty of teen movies that I think are unequivocally brilliant — wouldn't change a thing, perfect movies — stuff like Clueless, stuff like Cruel Intentions, that just really work and know themselves.

But the teen movies that I find fascinating are the ones that aren't quite there, that have so much buried beneath the skin but don't quite know what they are. There's so much more going on that even the film itself isn't really aware of — which perfectly mirrors the experience of being a teenager.

So a film with an identity crisis?

Exactly. So many of them seem to have these palpable identity crises going on inside them. Something like Idle Hands. A film about a teenage boy who has an attractive girl move in next door and suddenly finds that he can't control his right hand — it doesn't seem like a stretch to say that's a metaphor for something. And yet you look back at the way people talked about it when it first came out and there's nothing about that. It's all just, "Devon Sawa is reasonably OK in this middling horror vehicle."

First-time filmmaker Charlie Lyne brings his exploration of teen movies to SXSW in Beyond Clueless. CONTRIBUTED

The teen market is also one that never really goes away in Hollywood.

Surely it's the one film genre that openly states who it's for in its very title. I love that about it, I think there's something really interesting about films that are explicitly marketed toward the most malleable, impressionable group. And why wouldn't they be the most fascinating to talk about when they have so much power over people?

I think everyone would be willing to admit that they were in at least some way shaped by the films that they saw at that age. That was what was brilliant and terrifying about doing this film, was watching all these films that I unthinkingly took on at 13 and going, "Oh God, what awful lessons was I learning? What was I accepting about myself on the basis of this film?" So it's been good therapy. I'm now a functional human being after going through my teen movie demons.

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Imogen imagines the woman behind legend Jimi Hendrix

Jimi: All is by My Side. Actress Imogen Poots talks to Metro about her role as Linda Keith, who cajoled Hendrix out of obscurity

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British actress Imogen Poots made a quick stop in Austin, Texas, to unveil Jimi: All is by My Side, writer-director John Ridley's look at the early days of Jimi Hendrix (Andre Benjamin), at SXSW. In the film, Poots stars as Linda Keith, girlfriend to Keith Richards and the woman who cajoles Hendrix out of obscurity.

First of all, we have to talk about Andre Benjamin's performance as Hendrix.

He's electrifying. The first time I met him I was so entranced by him. And I think, if anything, he had to quiet himself for Jimi. There's a real intelligence and perceptiveness to somebody just observing and being quiet, and I think that's something he wanted Jimi to have. And also an innate melancholy. I think that comes true.

Linda Keith is not as well known, so was it less of a worry for you about having to match her?

Our director spoke to her, and she was very cool. She was sort of like, "Go do your thing, I give you my blessing but I don't want any part of it." In that way, it was certainly a relief, because if you meet the person face-to-face it's a whole new pressure.

But I really, really love Linda. You can see how important it was to her but also how cool she was in a way. I wouldn't want Linda Keith to turn around and be like, "What have you done? My hair wasn't cut that way!"

It's fascinating to see her role in shaping who Jimi Hendrix eventually came to be. And I think it's really, really authentic, actually, in terms of John's storytelling. She very much was a catalyst for him. She was really instrumental in his career in London, and a lot of people maybe don't know that.

You'd think Hendrix would have been more appreciative.

I think what she knows is the idea that you can sort of nurture an artist and support them, but they don't belong to you. The audience and the listeners believe that a part of him belongs to them. You can't put ownership on a figure.

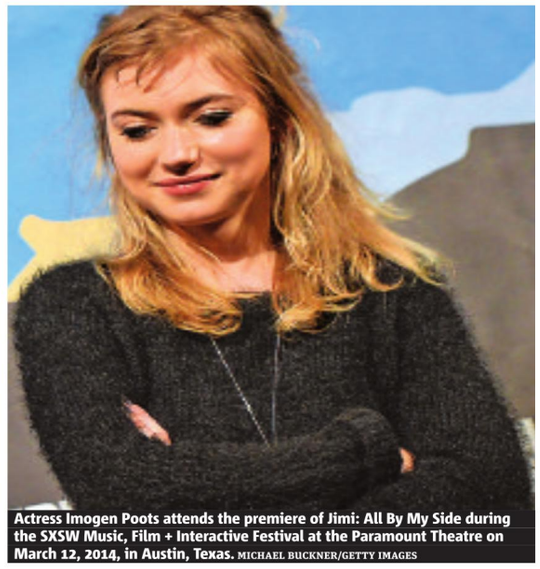
It's sort of the same thing as making a film about Hendrix. People who love him will feel an inevitable ownership, like they want to see the Hendrix they want to see. But my favourite thing about the role, really, was the idea that you do all this and then you can step back and maybe just listen to the records. And then you just live your life.

Quoted

"(Linda Keith) very much was a catalyst for (Jimi Hendrix). She was really instrumental in his career in London, and a lot of people ... don't know that."
Actress Imogen Poots

And given the emphasis put on music, SXSW seems like a fantastic environment to showcase a film like this.

It's great, it's such a fun environment. I'm just happy to be heading south whenever I'm in America, always. In search of cowboys. They're somewhere.


Actress Imogen Poots attends the premiere of Jimi: All By My Side during the SXSW Music, Film + Interactive Festival at the Paramount Theatre on March 12, 2014, in Austin, Texas. MICHAEL BUCKNER/GETTY IMAGES

Schoolboy Q basks in glow of first No. 1 album

It's Schoolboy Q's turn. The Los Angeles rapper took the hand-off from Top Dawg Entertainment label-mate Kendrick Lamar and scored a touchdown when his new album Oxymoron opened at No. 1 on the Billboard 200, selling 139,000 copies in the week ending March 2. It's the second straight strong showing for TDE and Q, who sees it as the start of a championship team.

"Somebody has to step up besides Kevin Durant," said Q, who made the rounds at South by Southwest last week. "Somebody has to step up beside Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant. They can't do it by themselves. Football is the best example, you can't win by yourself. A good quarterback can't win a championship. The linebacker can't win you a championship. The coach can't win you a championship. It has to be everybody."

Q held up his part of the deal, delivering a critically praised major label debut that compares favourably to Lamar's Grammy Award-nominated breakthrough good kid, m.A.A.d. city in its grittiness and authenticity. Given the opportunity in front of him, the rapper could have aimed for pop radio success, but instead made an LP that reflects his life as a father and former gang member.

Schoolboy Q performs during this year's SXSW Music Festival in Austin, Texas.
JACK PLUNKETT/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The 27-year-old began his TDE run as Lamar's hype man and calls King Kendrick his brother, giving him the credit for his moment.

Quoted

"It's just up to you to take advantage of the opportunity because there's plenty of rappers that have friends."
Schoolboy Q
on working with Kendrick Lamar

"That's how it goes in any successful label — you have to roll off somebody," Q said.

Terrence "Punch" Henderson, one of TDE's two founders, said the back-to-back successes — good kid, m.A.A.d. city debuted at No. 2 upon its release in November 2012 — show where the label is headed.

"The first time with Kendrick wasn't a fluke," Henderson said. "Q came out, got a No. 1 album, but the album's actually great. It's a great record and that's what we aim towards, to put out great music."

Henderson reaffirmed plans to release a new album from every label member this year — SZA is up next on April 8.

That list includes Lamar, who he says has recorded 12 new songs but may throw them out and start anew.

Interest is high. Lamar was one of the top nominees at the 2014 Grammy Awards, but was shut out in what turned out to be a hip-hop landslide victory for Macklemore & Ryan Lewis. Though Lamar didn't win, he teamed with Imagine Dragons for one of the night's most powerful performances and attained a new level of popularity.

"The performance was crazy, probably the best performance of the night," Henderson said. "I'm not just saying that because that's my artist either. After all that controversy behind him not winning, that's keeping him in all the conversations. It keeps us as an underdog. There's no ceiling. If you win, where do you go after that? So it gives us something to work towards still."

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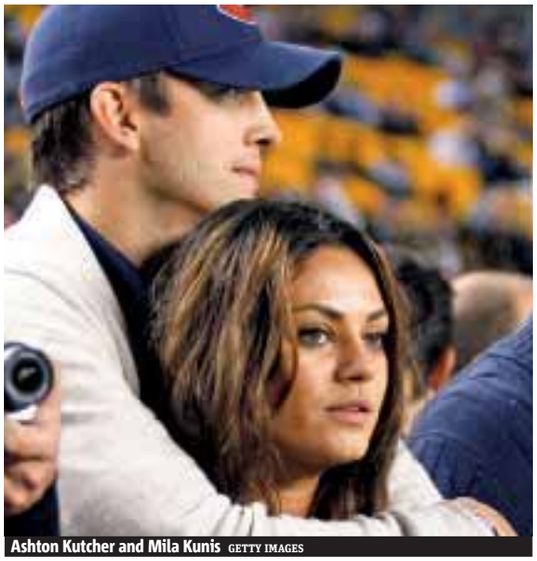

Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis GETTY IMAGES

Lovebirds despised each other on set of That '70s Show, say former co-stars

Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis are set to tie the knot and seem ridiculously happy together, and no one is more surprised than their former That '70s Show colleagues.

"Everyone shakes their head over the romance," a source says, explaining that the pair "despised each other" while making the hit sitcom, according to Radar Online. "Ashton and Mila were absolutely not friends during much of the making of That '70s Show. In fact, they couldn't stand working together."

That all changed, apparently, after Kutcher's very public split from ex-wife Demi Moore. "Mila was the one who came forward to bury the hatchet," the source explains. "Everyone's amazed at how different Ashton and Mila are together from when they were younger. It's such a total change."

Kanye West GETTY IMAGES

Kanye sentenced to anger management classes after run-in with paparazzo

Kanye West has been sentenced to two years of probation and 240 hours of community service after pleading no contest to a battery charge stemming from his run-in with a paparazzo last July, according to TMZ.

The rapper must also complete 24 anger management sessions and turn himself in to the LAPD for formal booking.

Last summer, West got into a scrape with photographer Daniel Ramos outside the LAX airport. "Without warning or provocation, Mr. West suddenly attacked Daniel, punching him and attempting to wrestle Daniel's camera from his hands," Ramos' attorney, Gloria Allred, recounted in a statement. Reps from West's camp had no comment.

The Word

Courtney Love finds missing airplane, according to Courtney Love

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Courtney Love is about as stable as Los Angeles was at 6:25 a.m. on Monday. If given the choice, I would not elect Courtney to the position of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 Finder-In-Chief — for that, I'd probably go with an international team of aviation experts.

However, the international team of aviation experts haven't turned up much, have they? Every day they widen the search area so much that I presume we'll soon be looking on the moon. Courtney Love, on the other hand, believes she knows exactly where it is, so maybe we ought to give her a shot.

"I'm no expert but up close this does look like a plane and an oil slick," she tweeted, with a link to a satellite photo showing an empty-looking stretch of ocean.

Love then tweeted that the location was "like a mile away Pulau Perak, where they 'last' tracked it." She also added some childish-looking scrawls over the photo pointing to where she thinks the plane and oil are.

I really don't know what I'll do with myself if it turns out she's right. Then again, Courtney Love Finding Missing People All Around the World Through the Power of MS Paint is definitely a TV show I'd watch.

L'Wren Scott THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Eerie posts appear on L'Wren's social media feeds

Designer L'Wren Scott's sudden death Monday was made even more shocking when her social media accounts continued posting several hours after she died.

Because of previously scheduled posts or a PR team that wasn't yet aware of her passing, several Facebook posts and tweets appeared after her death was announced, confusing and upsetting her followers.

Perhaps the eeriest image was a photo of several of Scott's designs hung from a tree and apparently lit from within, which appeared on the designer's Facebook just hours after her death was announced. A strange, ghostly image indeed, after the designer's apparent suicide.

Her Twitter account also remained active, leaving some fans unsure of whether her death was a hoax or not. Fashion blogger Bryan Boy shared a befuddled screenshot and tweeted, "But Lwren tweeted 3 hours ago???"

Scott was Mick Jagger's longtime girlfriend, and The Rolling Stones said Tuesday they have called off tour dates in Australia and New Zealand in the wake of her death.

The iconic band said in a statement they "are deeply sorry and disappointed to announce the postponement of the rest of their 14 ON FIRE tour." Band members thanked fans "for their support at this difficult time."

The Stones were scheduled to play Wednesday in Perth, Australia, and at other stops this week and next week, including Melbourne and Sydney. **WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

LIFE 3

There's liquid gold hidden in California wine country, part of an olive oil boom in recent years. You can tour an orchard, learn what extra-virgin olive oil really means and taste your way through lemon-, herb- and even chocolate-infused olive oils. Harvest is usually around the end of the year, but any time is good for a visit

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5 olive oil trail 'pit' stops

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A family run winery whose owners branched out into olives some years ago, this Rutherford, Calif., estate produces four gourmet olive oils and has an onsite olive mill. If you're pressed for time you can do the Splash and Dash tasting, enjoying olive oils and the estate's red wine vinegars. Visit roundpond.com/olive-mill for more.

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Tailor your visit to be long or short, depending on your inclination. Stop by the winery tasting room in St. Helena to enjoy an olive oil tasting, no appointment needed. For a more in-depth look, visit the winery's Mayacamas Estate. You'll explore the grounds, see the vineyards and visit the oldest olive orchard in Napa County, planted in the 1870s. See longmeadowranch.com.

McEvoy Ranch

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McEvoy Ranch started when Nan McEvoy, part of the family that founded the San Francisco Chronicle, was looking for a place in the country. She settled on 550 acres in Marin County. Inspired by her love of Tuscan olive oil, she worked with Italian expert Maurizio Castelli to create what is now a thriving business. The ranch is open only at certain times of the year, so you'll need to plan your visit. See mcevoyranch.com.

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The Olive Press

The Olive Press offers a tour of its mill in Sonoma where you can learn about how the oil is made, get tips on how to taste oil like a professional and browse the large store. Tour reservations are required at least a week in advance, and cost varies from free to $20 per person depending on activities selected. See theolivepress.com.

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This recipe makes four servings. EMILY RICHARDS

Sneak extra fibre and protein into a Chinese food fave

Chicken Fried Rice. With the addition of chickpeas, this dish takes on a healthier profile that is sure to become a family fave

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One my grandmother's favourite things to eat is Chinese food.

I'm not sure if it's the colourful sauces or the strong differences in flavours from her mother country's Italian food but she sure does enjoy it.

So, at her 85 years of age, I like to make food for her that is hearty and healthy. Here is a version of chicken fried rice that fits the bill.

Luckily, she approves of it — even with the slightly sneaky addition of chickpeas for additional fibre! The chickpeas also add protein to keep you full.

Colourful and easy to make, it should quickly become your grandma's (and entire family's) favourite too.

1. In a saucepan, bring 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) of the sodium reduced chicken stock and brown rice to boil.

2. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for about 25 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Fluff with fork and set aside.

3. In a large nonstick skillet heat the sesame oil over medium high heat and cook boneless skinless chicken and sliced mushrooms for about 8 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink.

4. Add the chopped green onions, diced carrot, sliced celery, cooked chickpeas and cooked rice. Cook, stirring for 2 another minutes to combine all of the flavours.

5. Add the remaining chicken stock and soy sauce and cook for 5 minutes. Add bean sprouts and toss to combine.

6. Serve on its own or with side of sautéed vegetables.

Cooking tips

- Vegetarian Fried Rice option: Use vegetable broth for the chicken stock and omit chicken breasts. Use 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) chopped extra firm tofu for the chicken.
- You can use 2 cups (500 ml) of cooked chopped or shredded chicken instead of cooking chicken for the recipe.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) sodium reduced chicken broth
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) brown rice
- 1 tsp (5 ml) sesame oil
- 2 boneless skinless chicken breasts, chopped (about 12 oz/340 g)
- 1 cup (250 ml) sliced mushrooms
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 carrot, diced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) sliced celery
- 1 cup (250 ml) cooked chickpeas
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) sodium reduced soy sauce
- 2 cups (500 ml) bean sprouts

Savoury yet light Asian flavour

Fried Asian food (think spring rolls, wontons) is a lot of people's fave, but who wants to deep-fry at home? Simple teriyaki chicken served in lettuce wraps is not only full of Asian flavours but healthier too.

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 tbsp grated fresh ginger
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp hot sauce
- 1 tsp fish sauce
- 3 medium carrots, cut into chunks
- 1 small yellow onion, quartered
- 1 1/2 lbs boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 2 tbsp canola oil
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 2 tbsp cool water
- 1 head Boston lettuce, separated into leaves (or similar broad, tender lettuce)

1. In a small bowl, whisk together the soy sauce, honey, ginger, garlic powder, hot sauce and fish sauce. Set aside.

2. In a food processor, combine carrots and onion. Pulse until finely chopped. Add chicken, then pulse several times to begin chopping chicken. Add sauce, then continue pulsing just until chicken is well chopped, but not ground.

3. In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the chicken and cook, stirring often and breaking up any clumps, until cooked through, about 8 minutes. In a small glass, stir together the cornstarch and water, then add to the skillet. Stir and cook for another 2 minutes.

4. Transfer the chicken to one side of a serving platter. Arrange the lettuce leaves on the other side. Diners help themselves by spooning the chicken into individual leaves, using the leaves as they would a sandwich wrap.

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Teriyaki Chicken Lettuce Wraps serve eight. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shopping around for a new gig?

You've got this job in the bag. A career in retail is an easy sell once you consider the opportunities in store

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Many opportunities branch outwards from entry-level positions on the retail floor, because these roles are hands-on learning experiences and provide plenty of opportunity to demonstrate skills and potential. ISTOCK

Planning on landing your first job in retail?

There are a number of different qualities that make retail a promising field, whether you're taking your first career step or planning for a career transition. Identifying some of the great qualities of working in retail can help you create a long-term plan for your career.

Here are three reasons retail is a great career field, as well as some tips to help you plan your next move.

There is variety and growth potential

Since some of the most visible jobs in retail involve working directly with the public in a retail store, it's easy to be tricked into thinking that "retail" is just a type or level of job.

Remember this: retail is an industry.

This means that all sorts of career opportunities are present for a candidate with the right background who is willing to invest some time learning from the ground up.

"Too often, students forget that many senior executives started from the ground level of their organizations and worked their way up," says Devon Blower, a recruitment specialist with Bell.

It's increasingly common for entry-level retail applicants to have long-term career plans with an organization — and to share those plans as part of an application or interview process.

"There are lots of candidates all trying to get into this organization and this industry," says Devon. "We have lots of opportunity."

Tip: What roles do you want to explore at your prospective employer in the long-term? Why? Answering these questions will help you plan your search more effectively.

You can pursue your interests — or discover new ones

Since retail is an industry, there are a lot of opportunity for to pursue a personal passion at work, or even discover a new one.That's what happened to Maya Bielinski, who went to work at her family's jewelry store with trepidation.

"My parents had always worked in the business, and I was pretty sure I wanted nothing to do with it," she says. "I didn't know anything about metalsmithing or jewelry design or gemstones — and at the time I didn't even want to learn!"

That changed pretty quickly, when she found an old book about precious stones one day while on break.

"I guess I needed to see it all from a different angle. I never considered the geography or geology or chemical "composition of gemstones," Maya says. "But this little book had me hooked. I was fascinated by all this new knowledge."

The more she learned, the more she found herself engaging at the store — even fashioning trinkets of her own and connecting with customers who expressed interest. Soon, she found herself with a new hobby.

"I was surrounded by all these incredible objects and by people who really valued the artistry and skill that went into creating them. Jewelry wasn't just shiny ornaments anymore — I started seeing it as sculpture, sometimes showcasing amazing geology."

While she's moved on to pursue a law degree, she credits her first employment experience in retail with helping her start building skills she's put to work since.

"If you can find a thread of interest in whatever work you're doing, pursue it. Curiosity and dedication will serve you well whatever job you're working."

Tip: Got a hobby, talent or interest? See if that self-taught background positions you for a corresponding type of retail role. Your employer will probably appreciate your product knowledge.

Just about every job listing sparks fierce competition, and retail is no exception.

You won't land your first job in retail unless you're ready to consistently challenge yourself to grow and expand your knowledge. Count on it.

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You don't learn by looking

Many people experience their first role in retail as a part-time or summer job and leave convinced that "working in retail" means never moving beyond that first role, never learning or growing (or earning more money).

- In reality, every career path presents opportunities to learn, grow and develop transferable skills.
- Store manager Mandy Utton knows. While her years of retail experience at Starbucks have taught her a lot about company routines and products, she focuses on one of the most important skills she puts to work every day.
- "The most important thing I've learned is how to lead," she says. "My job is managing a store, but it is leadership that inspires a team."
- Part of any learning experience is recognizing that you don't know what you don't know — so don't make assumptions about a job until you've had a chance to experience it first-hand (for months, not days).

Tip: Do your research. See if you can connect with people in your prospective retail position and learn more about the job and industry. This is networking — you'll be doing it for your whole career.

Wherefore art thou hiding that canvas?

A Warhol in the wings. Van Gogh ahead and get some extra pairs of eyes on those masterpieces

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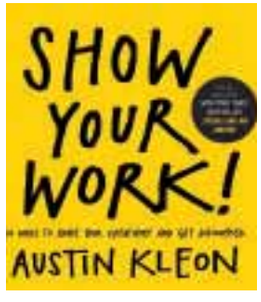
Metro World News

You write, you paint, you compose — but who really cares besides you? With a few good tips from the book Show Your Work by Austin Kleon it might be easier to get noticed among all the other artists out there. We got some of the best advice from his boldly designed book.

Share something small every day

"The thing about sharing is that you want to make sure it's an act of generosity, and that what you're sharing is either interesting or useful to the people on the other end.

"When I say 'share something small every day' it can be something very small. Just one little piece of your process that you think might be interesting or helpful for someone else. Some of the writers I follow (online) share their favourite sentence that they read every day. Or an artist will just share a page from their sketchbook. Little bits and pieces you can share every day that kind of put yourself out there and keep people up to date with what you're doing. It's kind of like if a filmmaker will share the DVD extras — the deleted scenes and the directors commentaries — while they were still making the movie."



Tell good stories

"We kind of have this mistaken impression that our work speaks for itself, that if we just do good work that is enough.

But actually our work doesn't speak for itself. The stories that we tell about the work that we do totally influences the way that people accept our work or what they think about our work. As far as becoming better storytellers the best thing to do is just to surround your self with really good storytellers.

"Spend time seeking out people who are really good at telling stories and start studying them. There are really only so many different kinds of stories. Once you start studying stories and reading stories you find out they all have a structure and they all have shape. You can kind of steal the structure of the stories and fill them in with your own material. Another thing that can help is becoming a writer. Spend some time writing, blogging or keep a journal. When you're writing down your stories you figure out what's interesting about them."

Learn to take a punch

"When you put your work out into the world you have to be ready for the good, the bad and the ugly. I feel that sharing your work on the whole is a very pleasant and good experience, but you're always going to take a punch, so to speak. You really just have to get your work out there and experience what it's like to have it out. Just to have people see it and talk about it. The way to take a punch is to get hit a lot. Get used to being hit, you know. It's important to remember that your work isn't you. People feel really close to their work, but you have to remember that the products of your work aren't necessarily you personally. So when people tear down your work they're not necessarily tearing down you."

Stick around a while

"I think that in this culture we're very much obsessed with overnight success. But when you start digging into people's stories there's a lot of work and a lot of practice that happens before people get discovered or get success. I think it's really important just to give yourself time."

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NBA

Knicks introduce president Jackson

Phil Jackson has returned to the New York Knicks as their team president.

The Knicks announced Jackson's hiring Tuesday at a news conference in the lobby of Madison Square Garden, where a giant sign reading "Welcome Home Phil" was overhead and shirts with the No. 18 Jackson wore as a player lined the merchandise store.

Jackson signed a five-year contract that reportedly will pay him at least $12 million annually and said he will spend significant time in New York.

"This is the best place to play basketball," Jackson said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Knicks team president Phil Jackson GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Iggy helps Bruins stay hot vs. Devils

Brad Marchand and Jarome Iginla scored in a 59-second span early in the second period and the Boston Bruins beat the New Jersey Devils 4-2 on Tuesday night for their 10th straight win.

Iginla's goal was the 556th of his career, tying him with Bruins great John Bucyk for 25th place in NHL history.

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Ricky Romero had a tough Tuesday, but the blowout doesn't rest entirely on his shoulders. He was pulled long before the Jays gave up nine runs in the fifth inning to give the Tigers a 13-0 lead. CARLOS OSORIO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Romero unravels in Jays' blowout loss

Spring training. Entire Toronto pitching staff serves up buffet of taters to Tigers

Morrow falls to fifth in rotation

Right-hander Brandon Morrow, who started last season second in the Jays pitching rotation, will open the 2014 campaign as the Jays' fifth starter.

- Toronto manager John Gibbons says the move to the fifth spot is partially to give Morrow more time to get ready.

Ricky Romero's comeback bid hit another road bump Tuesday in an ugly 18-4 Jays loss to a Detroit Tigers split squad.

The Toronto plan was for Romero and Marcus Stroman to combine for nine innings, with none of Toronto's established bullpen members along for the ride. Instead the Tigers treated Romero, Jeremy Jeffress, Stroman and Marcus Walden like batting practice pitchers.

Romero gave up a two-run homer to Austin Jackson in the second after hitting a Tiger to put him on base and yielded another run in an unsightly third inning that featured a triple, four walks and two wild pitches. It could have been far worse but two Tigers were caught stealing in the inning.

The left-hander exited after 2 2/3 innings, giving way to Jeffress. Unofficially Romero threw 57 pitches, 23 for strikes on a sunny day in Lakeland, Fla.

"We've taken too many steps forward to dwell on this," Romero said afterwards.

Romero and Jeffress walked eight between them in the first four innings.

Things continued to fall apart when Stroman gave up a walk, four singles and a grand slam homer to Don Kelly in a fifth inning that went from bad to worse. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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OHLer Trafford's death leaves so many questions

DAVE LANGFORD
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The tragic suicide of Saginaw Spirit hockey player Terry Trafford has left a trail of tears and trauma, almost too much to handle for the powerful major junior hockey community.

The funeral was Tuesday in Toronto, but the questions began the day it was first reported that the Ontario Hockey League player had gone missing.

Yes, it appears mistakes were made in relaying news to Trafford and his family that the 20-year-old had been dropped from the team and was not welcome back this season. That much we seem to know.

But what about the policies and procedures of major junior hockey teams in the wake of the senseless tragedy?

Dr. Natascha Wesch, a former star athlete with the Canadian women's rugby team and now a sports psychologist based in London, Ont., is closer than most to the epicentre of the bureaucratic earthquake that may lay ahead.

She is the help needed when the London Knights organization senses trouble with players off the ice.

"I don't think the OHL has a policy that somebody must be there," Wesch said in an interview with Metro. "Does each team call on someone? I would say that no, not each team has somebody. Now should each team? Absolutely."

The reasons, Wesch said, for looking deeper into the league issues following Trafford's death are more than they appear on the surface.

"I think not only from the psychological, emotional and just the right thing to do, but also from a liability perspective," she said. "If you think from just a business perspective, pure and simple business, if I have an employee that comes in drunk, I just can't let them go home. I have to provide for their safety and make sure I call a cab and do all those things."

Wesch said a professional outside the team's management, player agents and billets are needed to provide confidential help to the junior hockey players, on a moment's notice if needed.

"These athletes are physically ready to play. They're potentially, I will argue, emotionally ready to play, but once something breaks down, who is there to help them recover and put the pieces back together?

"Well, if your leg breaks, you've got a physician there. If your tooth breaks, you've got a dentist there. If your brain, if you will, your psyche breaks, well, you're supposed to figure that out all on your own because you are a tough hockey player."

That, Wesch said, is what needs to change immediately. It's just unfortunate a player had to die before the discussion began.

"That's what needs to happen sometimes. Look at the Sidney Crosby situation. How many people had concussions before him, but all of a sudden it became important," she said.

Terry Trafford OHL IMAGES

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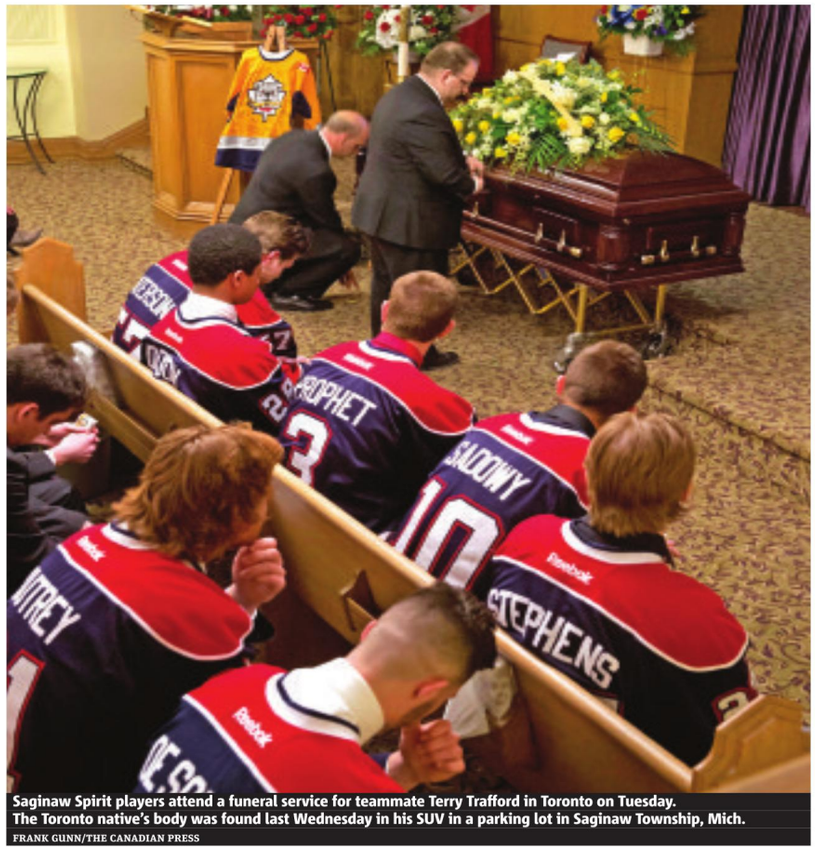
"I just think you are asking young men to be prepared to behave and have the cognitive and coping abilities of an adult without giving them, for the most part, any of the tools to do so."
Dr. Natascha Wesch, sports psychologist



Saginaw Spirit players attend a funeral service for teammate Terry Trafford in Toronto on Tuesday. The Toronto native's body was found last Wednesday in his SUV in a parking lot in Saginaw Township, Mich.
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First Four

Albany sets up date with Gators

D.J. Evans scored 22 points, including two clinching free throws with 12.6 seconds left, to lead Albany to its first NCAA tournament victory, 71-64 over Mount St. Mary's on Tuesday night in the First Four.

The Great Danes (19-14) advance to meet overall No. 1 seed and top-ranked Florida on Thursday in Orlando.
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CFL

Pass interference rule under review

The CFL is considering whether to make pass interference subject to video review, the league announced Tuesday.

Under a proposal to be voted upon Thursday by the league's rules committee, coaches would be allowed to challenge both called and potential defensive pass interference fouls under certain conditions.

If passed, the CFL would become the first football league to subject pass interference to video review.
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NFL

Newton to go under the knife

The Carolina Panthers have announced that quarterback Cam Newton will undergo surgery Wednesday on his left ankle and will be sidelined for four months.

The team says he has experienced soreness in the ankle since the end of last season.

Newton led the Panthers to a 12-4 record last season and the NFC South championship and was selected to the Pro Bowl.
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Canadiens goalie Carey Price stops the wraparound attempt by Nathan MacKinnon of the Avalanche in Montreal, Tuesday. RICHARD WOLOWICZ/GETTY IMAGES

NHL. Vanek smacks monkey off his back in Montreal

Thomas Vanek had a hat trick to lift Montreal to a 6-3 win over the Colorado Avalanche in former Canadiens great Patrick Roy's first game at the Bell Centre as an NHL head coach.

Brandon Prust, who left the game late in the first period with an apparent shoulder injury, returned to score a goal and set up one by Travis Moen for Montreal (38-25-7), which won its third game in a row. Vanek got his first goal in six games since he was acquired in an NHL trade-deadline deal.

Trailing by two goals, Roy pulled goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere with 2:20 left to play, but Dale Weise scored into the empty net.

Rookie Nathan MacKinnon scored a highlight-reel goal and Max Talbot and Jamie McGinn also scored for the Avalanche (44-20-5), which lost for only the third time in 10 games. The Avs end a three-game road trip Wednesday night in Winnipeg.

Some wondered how the Bell Centre crowd would react to Roy, who won Stanley Cups for the Canadiens in 1986 and 1993 but later demanded a trade and was on the outs with the organization until 2008 when they retired his No. 33 jersey.

It was clear that all was forgiven when the former goaltender got his first long ovation when he was shown on the scoreboard during the national anthems.

No. 1 overall draft pick MacKinnon put on a show as he ragged the puck in the Montreal zone for most of an entire shift. Then he got the puck alone in front of the net off a strange deflection and deked Carey Price for his 23rd goal of the season and the only one in this game's first period.
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Hey, that sinkhole eight my Corvettes!

Every cloud ... The positive side of this story is that museum attendance is up and three of the cars have been salvaged so far

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The sinkhole at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky, which swallowed eight historic Corvettes last month, was certainly bad news for Corvette fans and the museum. But museum attendance and interest is up since the sinkhole, so not all bad I guess… People are obviously fascinated with the spectacle and drama of a sinkhole. Throw in some super-special Corvettes, and suddenly you have a major-league attraction on your hands.

One report I read also noted that museum patrons are even fascinated with all the "crane action" going on. The cranes are part of the efforts to extricate the fallen 'Vettes.

Big cranes. Cool sports cars. Big sinkhole. Now that's a museum even a 10-year-old ADD boy could love. I wonder if they're taking notes over at the Royal Ontario, Glenbow, and National Gallery; maybe even contemplating how one or two of their more esoteric exhibits might benefit from a similar sinkhole makeover.

The 1962 Corvette was the first to get rescued, lifted out of the sinkhole nose first. Engineers then successfully extracted the 2009 Corvette ZR-1 "Blue Devil" and a 1993 40th anniversary model Corvette. All three were in surprisingly good shape, considering.

The remaining cars had more stuff fall on top of them and are more heavily damaged. As of this writing, three 'Vettes are still in the sinkhole: a one-off ZR1 Spyder; the 2001 Mallett Hammer Z06, and the 1.5 millionth Corvette.

Construction crews need to continue to stabilize the walls of the sinkhole before attempting to vacuum out the dirt from around those remaining cars. But they are sure to be rescued at some point, and then they will likely join the other "survivors" in a special display, before they all get made new again. The sinkhole is in the Skydome, a separate structure from the main museum. While the Skydome is off-limits for now, the main museum remains open.

There are two adjoining walls between the buildings. One wall features a video monitor, which shows live webcam footage of the work going on in the Skydome.

The other features a plexiglass viewing area. Sinkholes are not uncommon in Kentucky, one of several U.S. states especially prone to them, by virtue of the Karst topography, a landscape largely formed by the dissolving action of water on soft bedrock (usually limestone).

Corvettes have been made exclusively in Kentucky, at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant, since 1981. I guess it was only a matter of time then, before those two great Kentucky forces collided.

The Sinkholed Eight

- 1962 black Corvette
- 1984 PPG Pace Car
- 1992 white 1 millionth Corvette
- 1993 ZR1 Spyder
- 1993 40th anniversary Corvette
- 2001 Mallett Hammer Z06 Corvette
- 2009 ZR1 "Blue Devil"
- 2009 white 1.5 millionth Corvette

The 1962 Corvette was the first one out of the sinkhole, and sustained less damage than one might have expected for such a mishap. Eight museum Corvettes took the plunge. Three are still down there. GENERAL MOTORS

Mexico wins in Free Trade Agreement

Driving Force. Low wages and lower parts costs is the reason automakers are flocking to, and building steadily in, the Latin-American nation

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Twenty years ago, Canada, the United States and Mexico entered into the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which eliminated almost all tariffs and trade restrictions between the three countries, including vehicle production. But two decades later, it looks like Mexico ended up getting the most out of the arrangement.

"While Canadian vehicle production has increased marginally from where it was 20 years ago, it tails the tripling that we've seen occurring in Mexico," says Carlos Gomes, senior economist and auto industry specialist for Scotiabank.

"We have historically accounted for about 16 per cent of overall North American vehicle production, but in recent years, our share of investment has declined to about 5 per cent."

While the domestic automakers—Chrysler, Ford and General Motors—originally made up the bulk of production in Mexico, Japanese and European automakers now account for the majority of Mexico's output.

Companies such as Volkswagen, Nissan, Honda, and Mazda already build or are about to start production in Mexico, while Audi is constructing a new plant that is expected to turn out its first vehicle in 2016, and BMW is in negotiations for a new facility.

Part of the reason is wages: Mexico's labour costs are approximately 20 per cent lower than in the rest of North America. However, another important factor is that Mexico has free trade agreements with some 40 countries, which allows automakers to build their cars there and then ship them duty-free to global markets. This includes models sold in Canada and the U.S., which not only eliminates potential tariffs, but cuts down on transportation costs, since the vehicles don't have to be shipped from overseas.

"The Mexican plants go into areas that ours don't," Gomes says. "That's a big difference. The Canadian plants export almost exclusively to the U.S., whereas in Mexico, they export to the U.S. but more than 20 per cent of their shipments are outside of the NAFTA region. It's these (markets) in particular that are growing at a faster pace."

The domestic automakers originally built factories in Mexico to make parts at lower cost that were then shipped north to car plants for final assembly. In 1998, Mexico passed Canada as the top parts supplier to the U.S. assembly lines.

Today, each vehicle built in the United States now contains approximately $4,000 in Mexican-built parts, but only about $1,500 in parts from Canadian facilities.

Facts

- **Manufacturing.** Auto production makes up 15 per cent of Mexico's overall manufacturing, but it is only 10 per cent of Canada's total, and is 9 per cent in the United States.
- **Imported parts.** Some 23 per cent of all auto parts imported by the U.S. came from Mexico when NAFTA began, but now it's 34 per cent.
- **Big money.** Carmakers invested $2.9 billion into Mexico's automotive industry in 2013, almost double what the country received on average each year over the last decade.

Volkswagen staff celebrate the 10 millionth car built in Mexico. PHOTO VOLKSWAGEN

DRIVE

Electric in Alaska without the worry

AutoKnow. Out here you want to focus on experiencing life and not be concerned about making it home. The Chevy Volt makes the perfect playmate

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The burning question about electric cars is how well they work in the real world. Not some urban area with two-kilometre daily commutes and electrical outlets every 10 steps.

Out in the "real world" there's the dreaded range anxiety, where you just don't know how far, exactly, your car will take you. It's not like there's a charge station on every corner and you have three hours to kill waiting for a battery top-up. In Alaska, if you run out . . .

It doesn't get much more real than that. As event planners, my wife, Lisa Calvi, and I changed hotels 10 times in less than two weeks during an extended business trip here.

Hey, I'm cranky for it, and for a morning guy who is rarely out of sorts, my mood is as much a surprise to me as my unsuspecting wife. "I'm sorry Lisa, I'll snap out of it," I offer, realizing this will be our only day off before getting back to work.

We pack our suitcases and office supplies into the hatchback of the Chevrolet Volt. This is a normal car, I remind myself, stuffing the last of the suitcases into the cargo area, which is massive with the rear seats folded down. We head south out of Anchorage toward the Kenai Peninsula. Lisa and I booked a six-hour glacier cruise out of Whittier and have an appointment at the "tunnel" which is the only land connection from the port of Whittier to the rest of the world.

We clear Anchorage and follow the highway along Turnagain Arm. The tides are low and the mudflats seem endless. As my brooding levels out, the silent, comfortable ride of the Volt reminds me that we are indeed running on electricity and will be for about 50 kilometres.

Peace of mind

It doesn't matter that we're driving about 300 kilometres that day. Once the battery runs down, an on-board four-cylinder gasoline-powered generator will kick in and extend our range for another 500 or so kilometres.

It doesn't matter that we're driving about 300 kilometres that day. Once the battery runs down, an on-board four-cylinder gasoline-powered generator will kick in and extend our range for another 500 or so kilometres. Sure we might consume some fossil fuel, but there is no pesky "my-battery-is-running-low-range-anxiety" with the Volt.

The idea of leaving home for a weekend road trip with an electric vehicle is normally a dicey proposition, unless the plan doesn't involve much driving, because range is short and charging takes a long time . . . if you can find somewhere to charge. That makes the Chevy Volt a compelling alternative. It's an electric car that doesn't need a back-up vehicle beside it in the driveway.

The Volt is an electric car that you don't have to charge up, although that's not the most efficient way to drive it. But that does mean you can take it as far as you like, without a power plug, as long as there are gas stations. ALL IMAGES WHEELBASE

It doesn't take long to cheer up. The scenery is stunning. A glacier here, snow-capped mountain there. With a little luck we might see the "tidal bore," a wall of rushing water that marks the changing of the tides on Turnagain Arm.

We make our tunnel time and file through a three-kilometre railway tunnel with a line of other cars and trucks en route to rustic Whittier. Cool.

From Whittier, the cruise through Prince William Sound is a spellbinding affair that stops briefly at a remote fish hatchery where salmon are jumping, rafts of sea otters are frisking and bald eagles swooping. It's like an advertisement for animal heaven. Later we swing close to Surprise Glacier where the Captain cuts the engines so we can see and "hear" the glaciers. Creek, wham, slam. It has been going on for millions of years.

Back in Whittier, I power up the Volt. The battery charge is depleted but the four-cylinder gasoline generator engine keeps the charge between 20 and 29 per cent so we're not concerned about anything but making the tunnel appointment time to get us back to the main road. The drive south through the Kenai Peninsula is nothing short of spectacular. Unearthly blue glaciers casually hang off some of them. We take a detour to tiny Hope and feast on the best fish and chips ever at Seaview Café.

The Volt's agility and comfort surprises me. This is not a fad car or something that has to be babied or fussed over. Plug it into a 110-volt power supply overnight or a 220-volt outlet for a few hours and it's ready to fulfill most commuting requirements. Pack it up for the weekend and take it wherever you want to.

Later that night we pull into Seward at the southern end of the peninsula. Plenty of activities are available there from glacier helicopter hiking to sea kayaking and dog sledding. We check into the Van Gilder, Seward's oldest hotel that is supposed to be haunted by the ghost of a woman murdered there in 1950.

"You want the room where it happened?" the pleasant receptionist asks. "We'll pass," I respond, checking out the slack look on Lisa's face.

"Do you have a place to plug in my car? It's a Chevy Volt and charging it tonight will give me an electrified head-start tomorrow."

There's no outside receptacle. It doesn't matter though, because the Chevy Volt is one electric car that can live in the real world.

Alaska is full of interesting wildlife like whales ...

... and a healthy seal population.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If you make a wish over the next two or three days, it may come true. With the Sun moving into your birth sign tomorrow, marking the start of a new solar year, you are likely to get whatever you ask for.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Whatever information you may have that others do not you should treat it like gold dust today. The less others know about what you are up to, the more you will benefit.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If you play your cards right over the next few days, there is every chance that some of your big dreams will start to come true. The dividing line between fantasy and reality is quite narrow.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Important people are watching you closely, so make sure they like what they see. The Sun's move into the career area of your chart tomorrow will energize you and make you more ambitious.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Make sure facts are on your side if you want to make an issue out of something. Remember, it's not enough to tell others that they are doing it wrong. They also need to be shown how to do it right.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If your sixth sense tells you that something isn't quite right, listen to it and refrain from doing anything that might lead you down the wrong path — especially financially.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
As the Sun is about to move into the relationship area of your chart you should make more of an effort to get along with the people around you, even those you don't like.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You need to start thinking about cutting back on work. The past few weeks have been a time of great activity and your momentum will keep you going for a while yet, but your body needs a break.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
No matter how difficult the past few weeks have been, your affairs will improve dramatically as of tomorrow. Cheer up and stop acting as if the world is about to end.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The Sun's change of signs tomorrow means you can come to grips with a family issue that has been causing you plenty of grief. Let loved ones know what you think and how you feel and invite them to be honest with you as well.

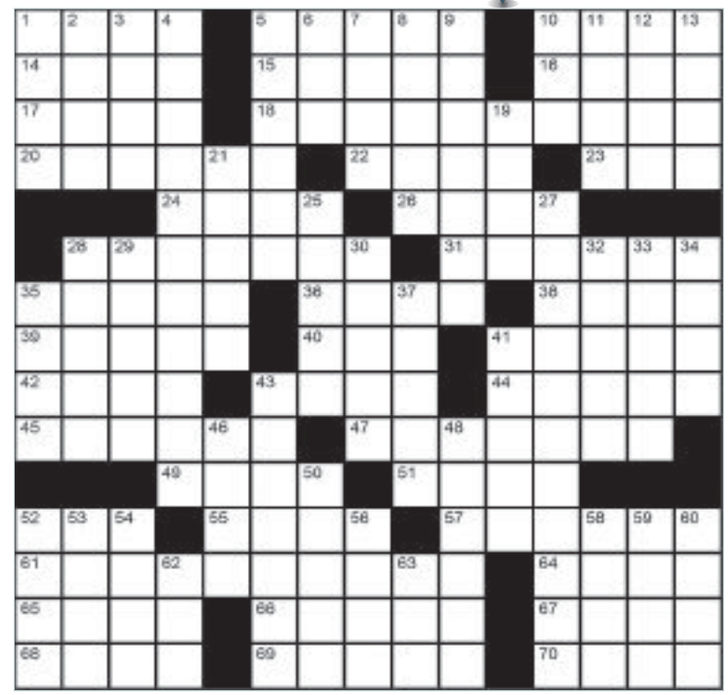
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The more you are on the move over the next few days, the more likely it is you will find answers to the questions you have been asking. You may not be thrilled by some of the things you learn but the truth is about facts, not feelings.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Good news concerning your finances is coming your way in the next few days. You won't get something for nothing but you'll at least have more cash in your pocket. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

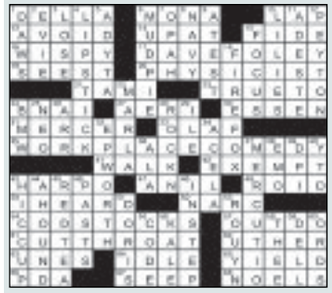
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Ointment
5. House's behind-the-walls sights
10. __ Lake, Alberta
14. Parkay, for one
15. Totally ticked
16. Cleaving tool
17. Sham
18. "This Hour Has 22 Minutes" cast member: 2 wds.
20. Turn to for trusty support: 2 wds.
22. Website's main page
23. Stylish sash
24. Glass-making stuff
26. Fly elegantly
28. Venezuela's capital
31. Takes the pen's 'lid' off
35. Full range
36. "__ Lap" (1983)
38. Vegan's no-no
39. __ and beyond
40. Geological period
41. Book part
42. Wine, in Italy
43. What 'i' has on top, _ __
44. Sound-making cow
45. Immerse
47. Terri Clark hit: "Poor, Poor __ Me"
49. Chesterfield
51. Jan & Dean's "__ City"
52. Perform
55. Ms. Del Rey
57. Peanut butter brand
61. 1990 Kiefer Sutherland movie in which Julia Roberts also starred
64. Concern
65. Glowing light
66. Countrified
67. All square
68. Stack of paper
69. Gradient
70. George W. Bush, et al.

Down
1. 1922 Nobel Prize in Physics winner, Niels __
2. Cosmetic cream's content
3. Actress, Sharon __
4. "King of Spain": Hit tune for what Canadian band?: 2 wds.
5. Checked blanket dining experience
6. Mr. Levin
7. Way
8. Set of values
9. British actress Jane
10. Corp. bigwig concerned with money
11. "Deal __ __ Deal"
12. Singer/songwriter Lisa
13. Mr. Arnaz
19. Former PM Mr. Chretien
21. Pontificate
25. Recorded
27. Red coat wearing police person: acr. + word
28. Log abode
29. Surrounded by
30. Salt-n-Pepa song
32. Friends to 'and sometimes Y'
33. __ truck
34. 'Trick' suffix
35. Handed
37. 'Nay' sides in debates
41. Insincere smile
43. Matters
46. __ around (Lounge)
48. Bitty brawl
50. Overturn
52. From way out there
53. Crossword __
54. Charlottetown-born singer Ms. MacLean
56. Prefix with 'dynamic'
58. Finish a road
59. Get set
60. Cravings
62. Glasgow topper
63. Knock

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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	1	6						
			1					7
2		5	8					
1			2		3			6
					7	1		8
5					4			
						3	8	
	3	7		1		9		4

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	4	2	1	3	7	6	9	8
9	8	6	5	2	4	1	7	3
7	1	3	8	6	9	2	4	5
2	7	5	4	1	8	9	3	6
6	3	1	9	7	2	5	8	4
4	9	8	6	5	3	7	2	1
3	5	7	2	8	6	4	1	9
8	6	4	7	9	1	3	5	2
1	2	9	3	4	5	8	6	7

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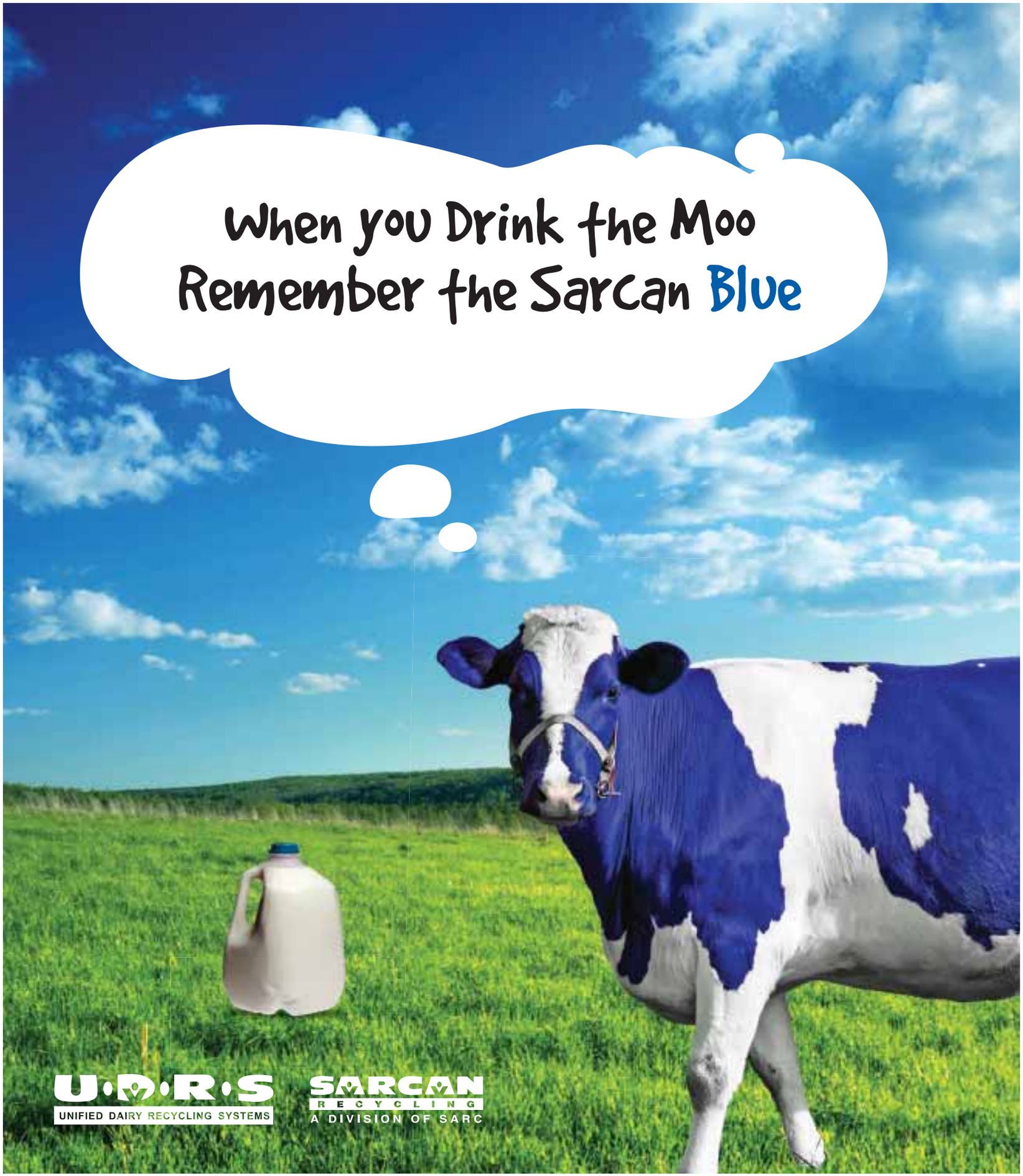
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